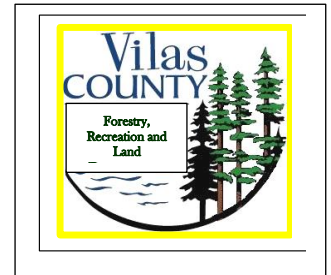


**VILAS COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT
TIMBER SALE PROSPECTUS
2020 SALVAGE SALES
BIDS DUE BY 4:00 P.M. , OCTOBER 21 ,
2020**



Sealed bids will be received by the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation, & Land Committee for the purchase of stumpage on the following descriptions of County owned lands, in accordance with the conditions set forth by the Committee. Sealed bids will be accepted by mail at Vilas County Forestry, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin 54521 or hand delivered to the Forestry Department at 2112 N. Railroad Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin 54521, all bids shall be in possession of the Forestry Department by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. FAX and email bids are not acceptable. Bids shall be opened publicly at the Vilas County Forestry Office at noon, October 22, 2020. Bids may be withdrawn by the contractor at any time prior to the opening of the first bid on the first timber tract.

Vilas County Forest Lands are third party certified. To promote maximum benefit to the environment, the health & welfare of our logging contractors, and to adhere to requirements of forest certification standards, Vilas County requires training of its logging contractors to the training standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC). For a bid(s) to be accepted, documentation verifying the bidder is certified under the training standard must accompany all bids. Also, successful purchasers of Vilas County stumpage must supply documentation, prior to the commencement of logging activity, ensuring at least one person on site during all harvest operations is certified under the training standard. Criteria for the standard can be found at www.fistausa.org/sfi_standards or by contacting the Forestry Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Documentation confirming training under the Michigan standard is recognized and accepted.

Bids for each sale must meet require total bid amounts. Bidders should be aware that the Vilas County Timber Sale contract and bid forms were recently revised. Bidders are advised to review the changes prior to bidding. Notable changes include:

- Contractors must be identified as qualified prior to use of the mill scale-ticket box system. Backgrounds for this qualification is checked or proven by past performance on the Vilas County forest. A listing of approved mill scale qualified contractors is available.
- Log specifications now include 10" minimum diameter and requirement for meeting minimum Grade 3 as published in the Wisconsin and Michigan Timber Professionals Log Scaling and Grading Handbook.
- All hardwood bolts require woods scale and inspection prior to hauling.
- All letters of credit are required to be from an FDIC insured financial business licensed to do business in Wisconsin or Michigan
- Purchase of haul tickets is now considered advanced stumpage payment with minimum

advance purchases based upon production rates.

- Individual bid forms specific to each sale

A Certificate of Insurance naming Vilas County as additional insured will be required with minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00.

Vilas County timber sale contracts will require cleaning and inspection of equipment prior to moving into sales to prevent introduction of invasive species onto the county forest.

Bids must be submitted, on bid forms provided by the Vilas County Forestry Department, using price per ton and price per MBF where appropriate. **Minimum bids shall be met for each species and product as advertised. Bids must be accompanied by a performance deposit as indicated for each tract. Performance deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be returned. Letters of Credit, may replace cash or check bid bonds if received within 15 days of the bid opening, after 15 days the check providing the performance deposit will be deposited. Checks will be deposited immediately if a cash deposit is intended to be provided.**

On sales eligible for whole tree harvesting the bidder must indicate their utilization standard (4" Top or whole tree). Use the appropriate volume for the utilization standard.

LOGGER QUALIFICATION AND SCALING REQUIREMENTS: Vilas County requires logger qualification to determine methods of accounting for products sold from all timber sales. Qualification requires provision of information, including past references and action history, from the Purchaser to adequately assess and demonstrate the ability of the Purchaser to successfully follow requirements for the Mill Scale- Haul Permit System and meet payment requirements of that system. If Vilas County determines that the logger is not qualified for mill scale- haul permit system, all wood from the contract will be required to be woods scaled by Vilas County prior to removal from the timber sale area. A listing of approved mill scale qualified logging contractors is available from the Forestry office upon request. Vilas County may change qualified and un-qualified status based upon performance or lack of performance to require woods scale of product at any time for any reason. In all cases, any wood delivered to sites without qualified scaling professionals or weight scaling equipment will require woods scale by county staff.

Woods scaling of cordwood or mixed product volumes will be converted to weight in tons by use of the 'Weight Conversion Factors' in the WDNR Timber Sale Handbook 2461.

In the event that there is a discovery of Heterobasidion Root Disease (HRD) (Heterobasidion irregulare) in Vilas County or an adjacent county during the contract period, the Purchaser shall be required to implement prevention methods for stands that include the harvesting of conifers.

Bidder should make his own estimation of value and volume. Location of timber sale areas and estimated volumes are for individual tracts are as follows:

Tract: 19-20

Legal Description: S1/2 NW, NESW Sec. 20 T42N R10E Township: Conover

Sale Name: Portage Lake Salvage

Harvest Area: 10-acres

Pulpwood and Boltwood	to 4" Top (tons)	Minimum Bid/Ton
Mixed Hardwoods	30	\$4.50

Mixed Product	to 4" Top (tons)	Whole Tree (tons)	Minimum Bid/Ton
Red Pine (contains 150 MBF of Logs)	950		\$8.50

Contract Term: 2 Years

Performance Deposit: \$1,640.00 **Minimum Total Bid: \$8,210.00****Tract: 20-20**

Legal Description: W1/2 NE, NWSE, SENW, N1/2SE, SWSW Sec 8, T41N R9E Township: Plum Lake

Sale Name: Langley Salvage

Harvest Area: 107-acres

Estimated Volumes:

Pulpwood and Boltwood	to 4" Top (tons)	Minimum Bid/Ton
Aspen	5000	\$2.30
Balsam Fir	30	\$0.90

Mixed Product	to 4" Top (tons)	Whole Tree (tons)	Minimum Bid/Ton
Red Pine (contains 120 MBF of Logs)	400		\$3.50
Red Oak (contains 1 MBF of Logs)	30		\$1.80
White Pine (contains 8 MBF of Logs)	100		\$2.60
Mixed Hardwood (contains 10 MBF of Hardwood Logs)	200		\$1.80

Contract Term: 2 Years

Performance Deposit: \$2,720.00 **Minimum Total Bid: \$13,601.00****Tract: 21-20**

Legal Description: SWNE, E ½ NE, NESE, Sec 8 T41N R9E Township: Plum Lake

Sale Name: Camp George Salvage

Harvest Area: 49-acres

Estimated Volumes:

Pulpwood and Boltwood	to 4" Top (tons)	Minimum Bid/Ton
Aspen	2000	\$2.30
Red Oak (contains 1 MBF of Logs)	30	\$1.40
Mixed Hardwood (contains 10 MBF of Hardwood Logs)	200	\$1.80
Jack Pine (contains 10 tons Red Pine)	30	\$2.60
Balsam Fir	30	\$0.90

Mixed Product	to 4" Top (tons)	Whole Tree (tons)	Minimum Bid/Ton
White Pine (contains 2 MBF of Logs)	30		\$2.60

Contract Term: 2 Years

Performance Deposit: \$1040.00 **Minimum Total Bid: \$5,185.00**

Tract: 22-20

Legal Description: SENE, SWNE, NWSE, Sec 9 and SWNW, Sec. 10 T41N R9E Township: Plum Lake and Conover

Sale Name: Three Springs Salvage

Harvest Area: 44-acres

Estimated Volumes:

<u>Pulpwood and Boltwood</u>	<u>to 4" Top (tons))</u>	<u>Minimum Bid/Ton</u>	
Aspen	1000	\$2.30	
Red Oak (contains 1 MBF of Logs)	30	\$1.40	
Mixed Hardwood (contains 5 MBF of Hardwood Logs)	100	\$1.80	
Balsam Fir	30	\$0.90	
<u>Mixed Product</u>	<u>to 4" Top (tons)</u>	<u>Whole Tree (tons)</u>	<u>Minimum Bid/Ton</u>
Red Pine (contains 120 MBF of Logs)	60		\$3.50
White Pine(contains 8 MBF of Logs)	30		\$2.60

Contract Term: 2 Years

Performance Deposit: \$570.00

Minimum Total Bid: \$2,837.00

Any questions pertaining to this timber prospectus should be addressed to Al Murray, Forest Administrator at almurr@vilascountywi.gov or at 715-479-5160